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WHEREAS, the Franklin County Fairgrounds has been home to the Franklin County Fair for more than 100 years and also hosts a wide variety of events throughout the year, from car shows to craft shows and 5k races to harness racing; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Agricultural Society is dedicated to preserving the region's rich agricultural heritage and offering central Ohio residents high-quality entertainment in a convenient, clean, and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty rates have increased in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) authorized the creation of a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to make payments to units of local government that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, assistance to nonprofit organizations is an eligible use of funds pursuant to §35.6(b)(3)(ii)(C) of the Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, providing government services to the extent of the reduction in general revenue is an eligible use of funds pursuant to §35.6(d) of the Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to support the Franklin County Agricultural Society as authorized under section 307.85 of the Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

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- 1. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized pursuant to section 305.30 of the Revised Code to enter into the agreement upon approval to form by the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office with the Franklin County Agricultural Society.
- 2. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$499,850 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List to meet the obligations in the current fiscal year is hereby approved.
- 3. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to take all actions, including the execution of all documents or amendments, necessary to enter into, implement, and administer the contracts and that are not substantially inconsistent with this Resolution.

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